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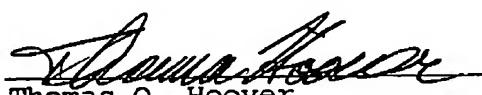
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2006,
 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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